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1. North Vietnam

A Soviet tanker, the first to depart from the Black Sea since the late June air strikes, is now in Vietnamese waters and will probably remain in the Haiphong area for some time unloading its 10,000-ton cargo into barges.

Incidentally, we see no signs as yet that the loss of petroleum and petroleum storage facilities has had much effect on the North Vietnamese economy.

No shortages of petroleum or dislocations attributable to the loss of petroleum facilities have been observed. Oil imports have probably been maintained at necessary levels by transshipment of some 25,000 tons diverted from North Vietnamese ports to Chinese ports since June.

2. South Vietnam

Ky says that he has tentatively accepted an invitation by the Associated Press Editors Association to address their meeting in Los Angeles in mid-November.

3. United Kingdom

Prime Minister Wilson's decision to defend his wage-freeze policy personally at the Trades Union Congress opening on 5 September is unlikely to avert a negative vote by the congress. However, the courage and determination shown by Wilson in taking this somewhat unusual step may help him win back some lost ground.

A marked hardening of sentiment in the trade union movement against United States actions in Vietnam is indicated by resolutions drafted by four unions on the extreme left. The motions may be modified before presentation, but they probably portend a more bitter debate on this issue than in the past.

4. Indonesia

Recent public statements in Djakarta have repudiated Sukarno as a spokesman for his government even more thoroughly than did Foreign Minister Malik a week ago.

The armed forces newspaper commented on Thursday that Sukarno's 17 August speech had ended the "pretense" that he speaks for the Indonesian people. The next day, the Information Minister told the press that the Indonesian Government no longer felt bound by Sukarno's statements.

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